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wherein

8 R is hydrogen, benzyl or diphenylmethyl or aryl which is
9 unsubstituted or substituted by a C₁ to C₄ alkyl or alkoxy group in
10 the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in an inert organic
11 solvent at a temperature of 10 to 50°C under 1 to 20 kPa pressure
12 to directly obtain the 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid in
13 the inert organic solvent;

14 (b) filtering the 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid
15 in the inert organic solvent prepared according to step (a) to
16 remove the hydrogenation catalyst to obtain a filtrate;

17 (c) concentrating the filtrate by removing a portion of
18 the inert organic solvent to obtain pure 1-(aminomethyl)-
19 cyclohexyl-acetic acid; and

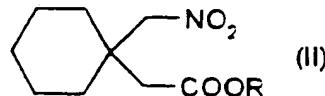
20 (d) in the case where a pharmaceutically acceptable acid
21 addition salt is to be formed transforming the pure 1-
22 (aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid into a pharmaceutically
23 acceptable acid addition salt.

1 11. The process defined in claim 10 which further
2 comprises the step of adding tetrahydrofuran to the concentrated
3 filtrate obtained according to step (c) to precipitate out pure 1-
4 (aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid.

1 12. The process defined in claim 10 wherein according to
2 step (a) the hydrogenation catalyst is palladium on activated
3 carbon.

1 13. The process defined in claim 10 wherein according to
2 step (a) the inert organic solvent is a C₁ to C₄ alcohol.

1 14. A compound of the Formula (II)



3 wherein

4 R is hydrogen, benzyl or diphenylmethyl or an aryl group which is
5 unsubstituted or substituted by a C₁ to C₄ alkyl or alkoxy group.

1 15. 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-acetic acid as defined in
2 claim 14.

1 16. benzyl 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-acetate as defined
2 in claim 14.

1 17. diphenylmethyl 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-acetate as
2 defined in claim 14.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's
requirement for restriction.